Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Eating breakfast has been proven to provide energy to improve concentration, problem solving ability, mental performance, memory, and mood; and,

Whereas, The School Breakfast Program has served our nation admirably since it was permanently established in 1975 and is dedicated to the health and well-being of our nation's children; and,

Whereas, The theme for national School Breakfast Week in 2008 is "Fuel Your Imagination"; and,

Whereas, Child Nutrition Programs in South Dakota serve an average of 23,000 breakfasts per day during the school year at 820 attendance centers in 189 schools or agencies; and,

Whereas, The meals are planned, prepared, and served by approximately 1,500 dedicated food service personnel; and,

Whereas, There is evidence of continued need for nutrition education and awareness of the value of school nutrition programs; and,

Whereas, Parents, teachers, and administrators will join the South Dakota child nutrition programs and food service personnel to promote the understanding and awareness that children learn better if they start their day with a nutritious breakfast, whether it be at school or at home:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 3 - 7, 2008, as

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in South Dakota, to encourage citizens to become aware of and concerned about, nutrition habits to achieve a more healthful citizenry for today and the future.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State